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5891. Momchilgrad.

A field artillery unit of unknown size or designation is presently stationed in Momchilgrad. An anti-tank battery (6315 Podeleniya) is presently stationed there. Another anti-tank battery has just arrived from Haskovo. Between 25 and 30 June, a Soviet colonel visited Momchilgrad and conferred with one Captain Iliev, who is the Political Commissar for the area and also a member of the Bulgarian Intelligence Service. He has worked in the past with the Greek Guerrillas. Engineer units are laying mines on all roads leading north and south from Momchilgrad.

2. Kerdzhali.

The 10 Infantry Division has its headquarters in Kerdzhali. The troops of the Division are bivouacked at Shiroko Pole.

3. Haskovo.

The headquarters of 23 Infantry Regiment is located in Haskovo. The 3 Battery of an unknown artillery regiment is presently in Haskovo. A small, but undetermined, number of tanks are stationed in Haskovo. The 2 Heavy Artillery Regiment is now in Koren. It was formerly in Plovdiv and belongs to the Second Army. The barracks have been repaired and some housing in Haskovo has been requisitioned for military use. During the night, there is heavy movement of trains carrying equipment, and the freight station at Haskovo is very active during the hours of darkness.

4. Harmanli.

A battalion of 12 Infantry Regiment is located in Harmanli. Its number is Podeleniya 2658. The Commanding Officer is Major Zarotov.

5. Ivailovgrad.

The headquarters of the border unit, Podeleniye "Krem", is located in Ivailovgrad. A former guerrilla major is the Commanding Officer. An anti-aircraft artillery battery is located here.

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6. Gabrovo.

All the cloth and 75 percent of leather goods processed in the factories there are being shipped directly to the USSR.

7. Kazanlek.

The war plants in the area have been re-equipped with new machinery. The plants have taken on more workers. At the present time the Government munitions factory is making all types of ammunition. During July guns and armored vehicles of undetermined size arrived by road from the north. They were then re-distributed and sent to Sofia via Plovdiv and to Haskovo and Harmanli via Plovdiv.

8. Burgas.

There are an undetermined number of Soviets in civilian clothes and in uniform, presently in Burgas. All military supplies for the Burgas area arrive via the overland route. This has been in effect since the disappearance of a ship that was due in Burgas and has not been heard of since.

9. Plovdiv.

Reserve officers were called to active duty for thirty-day tours during July 1950. Greek Guerrillas are quartered in the Lovski Tobacco Warehouse on Gladstone Street. Every evening large quantities of freight are moved from the Plovdiv area. All of the freight is in the nature of military supplies. Houses have been requisitioned in Plovdiv for non-Bulgarian military personnel. Toward the end of July telephones were installed in these houses.

10. Sopot.

There are underground factories of undetermined nature in Sopot.

11. Sofia.

Echelons of the Ministries of War, Interior and Exterior have moved out of Sofia to Pleven. High Communist Party members have also moved out of Sofia for an unknown location. There are big rail movements from Sofia in the direction of the Yugoslav border. Most of these movements are transit movements from other points in Bulgaria.

12. There are camps of Greek children, who were either abducted by the guerrillas or are their children, located in Kalofer, Monastir, Sopot, Chinachinski Banya (sic) and Karlovski Banyi.

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